A Word from

Our District President

Yes, we have had a rainy summer in the Richmond area this year. Some plants thrive with this much rain, others like geraniums yearn for more sun and drier weather to bloom at their best. Plants are like us in that each of us thrive in the correct environment. Sisters, let us as United Methodist Women offer our next-door neighbors as well as women throughout the world the best environment for them to thrive in. Let us extend love by doing all things in a loving and caring environment for each other. "We are a community of faith based upon God's love for each one of us".

I offer John 13:15 as your guide "I have given you an example just as I have done, you also must do."

A CALL TO ANNUAL MEETING

Richmond District UMW Annual Meeting
Lakeside UMC, 2333 Hilliard Rd, Richmond, VA 23228
Saturday, September 22, 2018
Registration and Breakfast 9 a.m.
Meeting 10:15 a.m. Sanctuary

Andris Salter
Associate General Secretary for Administration
National UMW
Guest Speaker

Offering to Pledge to Mission.

I look forward to seeing each unit represented at the meeting. Your Unit LIOP recognition certificates and reading certificates will be given out. Prayer Calendars and Program books in addition to some of the reading books will be available at the book table.

Please pre-register for this Richmond District UMW Annual meeting in order to facilitate the meal planning. Register with Scotty Doyle by sending your Name and Number of People attending to sdoyle22@verizon.net or call me at 804-640-5355 by September 15.

We hope to see all of our Unit Presidents or a Circle representative November 10th at our Leadership training as we get to know each other and share information about our local unit activities with other units in the District. This will be a casual luncheon meeting at Lebanon UMC. Further information to follow in September.

Ruth, in the Vice President's section, discusses the many other activities we have coming up for the remainder of the year. Mark your calendars now!

Blessings and Peace,
Scotty Doyle   sdoyle22@verizon.net   804-640-5355 cell   804-744-3034 home
I wish for you to put our following Special Dates on your Calendar, and spread the WORD with your UMW Sisters and Friends to join with us as “We Encounter Those Special Spaces with God & Neighbor”. Do Join In With Us!!

Yes, it is hard to realize that our year is half over!! AND, WE ARE HAVING SOME VERY SPECIAL PROGRAMS COMING UP IN THE NEXT 5 MONTHS!! HOPE YOU’LL JOIN IN WITH US!!

**August 11th**  Our 2018 Conference UMW Cluster Meeting on The Way Forward Discussion will be at Wright’s Chapel UMC, 8063 Ladysmith Road Ruther Glen, VA 22546. It will be held from 10AM -2PM. Please bring a brown bag lunch; beverage and dessert provided. Karen McElfish, "our Conf. UMW VP" will help lead this discussion on the results that The Way Forward Commission have presented to the Council of Bishops and to have Wesleyan Discussions with an attitude of grace and a time of conversation on ‘A Way Forward.’ It would be GREAT to have several carloads of you to join us in this present discussion to come back to our local units and share with one another. Please call, and we may be able to get some buses for transportation.

**August 18th**  Our District UMW Trip to Shalom Farms from 9AM to 12 Noon. There has been nothing but good news coming from these acres. Hope your church has had a trip out to help, but also to see what a special part of land that is helping so many hungry families within our city, as well as local food pantries served by many of our churches. If you know of anyone who would like to travel with us on the 18th, please call me, or give them my phone number. We are leaving at 8:30AM from the church. The church location determines where the largest numbers that are coming.

**September 8th**  Our Richmond District Mini-Mission Encounter ‘Sacred Spaces: Encounters with God and Neighbor Through Mission’ from 8:30AM – 12:30PM at Beulah UMC 6930 Hopkins Rd, Richmond, VA 23234. This is jointly sponsored by The Richmond District UMW & The Board of Missions. The cost is $3.00. Be sure to get the detailed information on the classes from your UMW officers and in this issue of The WORD.

**Sept 14th -15th**  VA Conference UMW Young Women’s Event will be at The Blessings Lodge, Camp Overlook 3014 Camp Overlook Lane, Keezletown, VA . This year’s theme is “Finding The Holy In The Simple Moments” led by Rev Joanna Dietz from Braddock Street UMC in Winchester”. The cost is $75.00 for the weekend. Registration included here.

**Sept 22nd**  Our District UMW Annual Meeting at Lakeside UMC Speaker: Andris Salter, Associate General Secretary for Administration, National UMW - New York, NY. We are very happy to have our UMW Sisters from Brookland and Ginter Park UMW units to assist Linda (Lakeside) with the social. Yes, this is “That Meeting for Those Annual Reports”, Be sure to have them ready!! A Lot More is Coming Up shortly on our Annual Meeting.

**Sept 23rd**  Annual Chickahominy Pow Wow 1pm -4pm. Traveling for the afternoon celebration arriving in time for ‘The Grand Entry.’ We have transportation for those who would like to attend. Do let me know, as I have the sign-up sheets.

**Sept 27th-28th**  ‘Our 2nd On The Road In Mission Express’ going to The Eastern Shore’. More details with the schedules, cost and other basic information are attached in this WORD. If you have any questions, PLEASE CONTACT ME! WE’D LOVE TO HAVE YOU TO TRAVEL WITH US!!! Some neighboring UMW Sisters are joining in with us!

**Nov 10th**  Our District Education & Interpretation Program (training) will be hosted by Lebanon UMW, Hanover County. We’d like to have at least 2 from each unit. A Very Special Change from the normal leadership program this year!!

**Dec 1st**  Our District Advent Service will be held at Emmaus UMC at Stratford Hills on 7740 Cherokee Rd. Their pastor, The Rev. Chul Ki Kim will be our guest speaker. Registration & Hospitality 10-10:30AM Service at 10:30AM.

THANKS FOR ALL YOU DO IN SUPPORTING OUR UMW WITH YOUR PRAYERS AND COMMITMENT!!

In His Service  As We Learn & Grow Together- Love, Ruth Wilkinson (cwm22@yahoo.com) (804-218-0627)
Virginia Conference
‘ON THE ROAD AGAIN IN MISSION’ Express

To
The Eastern Shore of VA
September 27th & 28th, 2018

7:00AM  Leave Bon Air UMC
7:30AM  Leave Skipwith UMC
8:00AM  Leave Shady Grove UMC, Mech

11:30AM  Camp Occonahock On The Bay
12:45PM  Lunch with UMW at Drummondstown UMC
2:30PM  The Hermitage Accomac, VA
3:45PM  Tutoring Program (Una Familia) Franktown UMC
5:45PM  Agape Children’s Center
6:30PM  Comfort Suites, Chincoteague Island
7:00PM  Supper - The Water’s Edge Restaurant - Atlantic
8:00PM  Manna Café CI - it’s founding by Fran & Bill Lytle
8:45PM  Assateague Island - a relaxing walk on the beach

Have a Great Sleep within the Chincoteague Evening Air!!

8:45AM  Leave Comfort Suites
9:00AM  Agape Children’s Center
11:15AM  Leave Agape
12:30PM  Lunch with Drummondstown UMC - Accomac
2:00PM  Leave for the other side of the Bay Bridge
5:30PM  Supper - Memorial UMC Charles City
6:20PM  Leave - Memorial UMC Charles City

7:00PM  Return to Shady Grove UMC, Mech
7:30PM  Return to Skipwith UMC
8:00PM  Return to Bon Air UMC

Trip includes: transportation; insurance; 1 night lodging, 5 meals, snacks and gratuity for driver & our UMW Spirit (No Charge)

Cost per person:
$179.42 -2 per room;  – $160.80 -3 per room;  – $151.50 -4 per room; &-$145.89 -5 per room
Payments: July 30th - $50.00  August 19th - $50.00 & Sept. 7th - the remaining amt.
Chks payable: Richmond District UMW - send to 4209 West End Dr Richmond, VA 23294

"Seats are Still Available - We’d Love to Have You!"
Items Needed as We Travel In Mission Together
To Assist In Fulfilling Their Mission
September 27th & 28th, 2018

Camp Occohannock On The Bay 4 person tents(if in good condition), glow sticks and balloons. Tarps that could be spread on the ground for water games.

Una Familia has a threefold focus: advocacy, education and housing. Most developed area is education. Tutoring is provided for elementary school children of Spanish speaking families at 4 different church sites during the academic year. We also hold monthly meetings for a junior high and a high school group. In the summer we provide tutoring to maintain skills twice a week for 6 weeks in July-Aug. Migrant camp children are automatically enrolled in summer school, so we do not serve them. We used to have an afternoon program for migrants and immigrants, but the summer heat prevented us on many occasions, so we have not done that in 2 years. There are other groups providing for the needs of migrant camp residents during the season. We are embarking on a partnership with Just Neighbors to provide immigration services here on the Eastern Shore.

Today, we have a tutoring program at Franktown UMC, which we will be a part by assisting where we can. When they 1st arrive at 4PM it’s play time, then snack AND THEN it’s homework & English skills work.

THEIR NEED: They have a yearly “Epiphany celebration’ during which all of the students receive gifts. Financial assistance is requested so we can be uniform and consistent with the gifts that are given. Last year we provided 125 gift bags. (notes taken from article by Veronica Barrell)

Needs Of Manna Café Cl: Food & Toiletries for their Take Table: Canned Pasta, Tuna Fish, Soup, Peanut Butter, Jelly and Cereal and toiletries like: Soap, Shampoo, Deodorant, Toothbrushes and Baby Items.

Needs Of Agape: Copy Paper, Glue & Glu sticks, Craft material, Pipe Cleaners, Card Stock, HP 61 ink, Trash Bags, Lysol Wipes or Generic Brand, Pine Sol, Works, Disinfectant Spray, Canned Green Beans, Any Pasta with Tomato Sauce(Raviola, Spaghettré O’s, etc)Canned Tuna, Chicken Breast, Chicken Noodle Soup and Tomato Soup.

If any of you have any questions, please feel free to call me and I’ll try to reply either by cel or by my e-mail: cusmile2day@hotmail.com

Blessings One & All!! Ruth
Praise from Rising Hope United Methodist Mission Church.

Our “On The Road in Mission” Coordinator, Ruth Wilkinson received a message of gratitude from the Volunteer Coordinator of Rising Hope UM Mission Church, Vehisa McCormick. Vehisa wrote in part “...Everyone spent precious time on various projects, sacrificing your personal time for the greater good of our community. The food was exceptional, more to eat than we thought. Every situation was well organized and well thought out. You took great care to see that every task was well taken care of. Finally, we appreciate your invaluable personal communication skills that brought all of us together as a team....Thank you and the United Methodist Women of the Richmond District sincerely for all their wholehearted assistance.” On the trip we cooked lunch for the church and community members, worked in the clothing closet, cleaned a large part of the community space, and joined in the daily service with Rev. Kincannon and church members.

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**Treasurer**

Hi Richmond District UMW

This is the quarterly report for 2018 Mission Giving and Designated Gifts.

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THANK YOU

It is time to get ready for annual meeting. I am giving you the deadline for three reports. The first one is candle burning. The deadline for all forms along with the money is **September 1, 2018**. Please type or print when filling out the form. The second deadline is becoming a rainbow giver. If you want to be recognized as a rainbow giver at annual meeting, the deadline for all forms and $60.00 is **August 15, 2018**. Please print or type when filling out the form. A copy of each form is attached. The legacy report is due September 1, 2018. Reporting form is attached or you can use the regular remittance form. There is a line for Legacy. If you have a remittance form without a line for legacy, you can cross something out and write in Legacy.

May God Continue to bless all of us

Rosa Lewis, Treasurer
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Recommended Pledge to Mission $48,000.00
SECRETARY FOR PROGRAM RESOURCES

READING PROGRAM FOR 2019 ANNOUNCED

The UMW reading program for 2019 is based on the scripture from Proverbs 8:11 which reads "for wisdom is better than jewels, and all that you may desire cannot compare with her." The books selected are from 5 categories: Education for Mission; Leadership Development; Nurturing for Community; Social Action; and Spiritual Growth as well as books for children and youth.

This year the District will be ordering books from Amazon as a way to decease cost to the units. Books will be available at the September 22nd Annual Meeting at Lakeside UMC. Prayer calendars and program guides will also be sold. This will be a one time only chance to purchase the calendars and guides. After September, the units will have to purchase their own from the Resource Center. (Should I say: If you know now that your unit wants one or both of these, please let Marilyn or Jane know by September 1st so we will have enough for everyone at the Annual Meeting.)

We do not have the Reading Program booklets available at this time, but hopefully they will be out soon. Information on the reading program can be found at www.unitedmethodistwomen.org/rp/2019list OR https://www.umwmmissionresources.org/shopping_product_list.asp?catID=14001

Marilyn Bell  fwmjbell@verizon.net
Jane Elbert  janeelbertquilts@gmail.com

MISSION EDUCATION AND INTERPRETATION

I hope many of you were able to attend this summer’s wonderful weekend Mission Encounter at Smith Mountain Lake. For those who were unable to attend or who want to attend a different study, I would like to invite you to Beulah UMC, my church home, for the Mini-Mission Encounter on Saturday, September 8, 8:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m., where you can get an overview of the mission studies. Please note this is a Saturday morning. A continental breakfast will be served. The registration form with details are in this issue, and the deadline is September 1.

Please remember that your Living Into Our Purpose forms are due to me by August 15, and you will find one in this issue. I have already received several, and I thank you for using the updated form for 2017-2018, because I am not able to accept any of the old forms. Our Conference UMW changed the requirements for each level, edited the starred items, and simplified the format. If you have any questions about filling out the form, please don’t hesitate to contact me.

Blessings on you and your units as you work for God’s Kingdom,

Barbara Tuttle
804-271-2289
btuttle48@verizon.net
Membership Nurture and Outreach

Three items to bring to your attention this quarter:

Please complete and return your "UMW Deceased Members" form (in this issue) for the period September 1, 2017 to August 31, 2018 as soon as you can, so that we may honor these faithful members at our District Annual Meeting on September 22, 2018 at Lakeside UMC.

Secondly, please recruit and register your 40-and-under members for the exciting Virginia Conference Young Women's Event, September 14-15, at Camp Overlook in Keezletown, VA. Registration closes September 7, 2018, and the registration form is in this issue.

Finally, I have to thank you all for an outstanding performance in the UMW 2017 Census. We recently received our final report, and we achieved 100% of units reporting! While we are disappointed that District membership has declined from past years to 1,335, the report is full of information from you that the District, Conference, and National UMW Officers will be able to use to serve you better. We have received the information in both a large Excel spreadsheet for the Virginia Conference as well as a Powerpoint that analyzes the results. If you are the type who likes to pour over data, let me know and I can forward them to you!

Thank you for all you do to support mission and nurture your members.

Kathy Dictor 804-389-2491 kbdictor@gmail.com

Social Action

Greetings. In my last WORD article, I linked the Economic Inequality UMW social action priority to public transportation. I noted that up to ninety percent (90%) of the jobs in the metropolitan Richmond area are inaccessible by public transportation. Since persons with minimal income are less likely to have reliable private transportation to get to jobs, this statistic demonstrates the inequality of opportunity for persons with limited incomes. But – there have been some important changes, in the past three months.

Henrico County now has additional bus routes and extended hours on some routes (helpful for those people with shift jobs). The Pulse rapid transit line from Willow Lawn to Rocketts Landing in Richmond opened June 24, 2018 and provides quicker access to jobs along the Broad Street corridor. The new GRTC bus routes, were designed for quicker travel with less stops. All will take some getting used to, like breaking in a new pair of shoes, but they are tiny steps forward.

I normally close my emails with the closing "Shalom." In this year's UMW Mission Encounter study guide Embracing Wholeness: An Earth Perspective for Covenantal Living, is a definition of "shalom" from Fred Bahnson. To me, it suggests the right relationships that are the Kingdom of God. He writes: "The peace shalom entails is not the absence of conflict. It is completeness, an expansive wholeness where God, people, and land dwell together in harmony." Shalom to you, my friends.

Wenda Singer, Mission Coordinator for Social Action
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# Richmond District UMW

## Checklist of Due Dates for 2017

*Save for Future reference*

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3623 Luckylee Crescent  
N. Chesterfield, VA 23234-5709 |
|                                  | August 15, 2018 | Rainbow Giver Report Form | Rosa Lewis  
829 Old Denny St.,  
Richmond, VA 23231 |
|                                  | August 30, 2018 | Reading Program Unit Report | Marilyn Bell  
2501 St. Regis Dr.,  
N. Chesterfield, VA 23236 |
|                                  | September 1, 2018 | Candleburning | *Money & Report to:*  
Rosa Lewis  
829 Old Denny St.,  
Richmond, VA 23231 |
|                                  | September 1, 2018 | Legacy Givers Report Form | Rosa Lewis  
829 Old Denny St.,  
Richmond, VA 23231 |
|                                  | September 1, 2018 | Report of Deceased UMW Members from 9/1/2017 - 8/31/2018 | *Names only to:*  
Kathy Dictor  
7538 South Franklins Way  
Quinton, VA 23141 |
|                                  | October 31, 2018 | 2019 Unit Officer List | Scotty Doyle  
3202 Huntsbridge Ct.  
Midlothian, VA 23112 |
|                                  | December 1, 2018 | Unit Pledge to Mission | *Bring to Advent Service to put in plate during Pledge Service* |
|                                  | March 30th, 2019 | 2018 Unit Membership Online Census from 1/1/2018-12/31/2018 | Kathy Dictor  
7538 South Franklins Way  
Quinton, VA 23141 |
Purpose
United Methodist Women shall be a community of women whose purpose is to know God and to experience freedom as whole persons through Jesus Christ; to develop a creative, supportive fellowship; and to expand concepts of mission through participation in the global ministries of the church.

Recognition Achievements

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- Use these suggestions to MAKE IT HAPPEN in the world in which we live.
- Mark the items you completed

1. Purpose (Mission Giving)

   * 1a. Make and meet a Pledge to Mission Giving.

   * 1b. Include the UMW Purpose at every meeting.

   1c. Increase the local organization's Pledge to Mission this year.

   * 1d. Qualify as a Five- or Six-Star organization by contributing to Five or Six Channels of Mission Giving
   - □ Pledge to Mission
   - □ Special Mission Recognition
   - □ Mission Giving Cards;
   - □ Gift in Memory
   - □ World Thank Offering;
   - □ Candle burning

   * 1e. Have one (1) member become a Rainbow Giver.
     Name:

   * 1f. Participate in the United Methodist Women 150th Legacy Fund.

2. KNOW GOD (FAITH)

   2a. Encourage the practice of Spiritual Disciplines (i.e. scripture, prayer, fasting)
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<td>2c. Have at least <strong>one (1)</strong> member attend a District or Conference Spiritual Life Event. (District or Conference officers who have paid their own way may count toward this item) <strong>Name:</strong></td>
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<td>3f. Have at least <strong>one (1)</strong> member sign up to receive Virginia Interfaith Center for Public Policy alerts (<a href="http://www.virginiainterfaithcenter.org">http://www.virginiainterfaithcenter.org</a>) and use ideas to advocate for justice. <strong>Members Name:</strong></td>
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3h. Have "green" meetings and participate in or develop an Environmental Justice Program. Describe what you did:

4. DEVELOP A CREATIVE/SUPPORTIVE FELLOWSHIP (LOVE)

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<th>4a. Add at least two (2) new members to the roll (one (1) new member for local circles/units with 15 or fewer members).</th>
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<th>4c. Sponsor a young woman (18 - 40) to attend a District or Conference Young Women’s Event. Name of attendee: (for your archives)</th>
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<th>4d. Invite a District or Conference Officer, other than one of your own members, to one of your local organization meetings during the year and/or your United Methodist Women’s Sunday. Name/Date:</th>
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<th>4e. Write to at least five (5) mission workers listed the Prayer Calendar.</th>
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<th>4f. Have at least one (1) member attend UMW Day at Ferrum College. Name(s):</th>
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5. EXPAND CONCEPTS OF MISSION (LOVE)

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<th>5a. Have at least one (1) subscription to response Magazine within the organization to help members stay informed of world missions and for help in planning programs. Include a &quot;response Moment&quot; where an item from response Magazine is lifted up as a way to tell a mission story.</th>
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<td>5b. Have at least <strong>one (1)</strong> member, other than a District or Conference officer; attend Mission Encounter or a District Mission Celebration/Mission Encounter event. (District or Conference officers who have paid their own way may count toward this item.)</td>
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<td>5c. Select a Mission Institution or Project which is supported by funds from the <strong>United Methodist Women National Office</strong> (Wesley Community Service Center in Portsmouth, VA is the only National Institution in Virginia), or the Ministry Grants of Virginia (listed in the Annual Report) and visit and/or contribute needed resources.</td>
<td>Name of Project:</td>
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<td>5d. Have or participate in at least <strong>one (1) current</strong> mission study during the year. Which one:</td>
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<td>5e. Have at least <strong>two (2)</strong> members <strong>complete Plan I or higher</strong> of the Reading Program. +</td>
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6. PARTICIPATION IN GLOBAL MINISTRIES (IN ACTION)

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<td>6a. Have <strong>one (1)</strong> or more members participate in hands-on mission such as gleaning, working at a food pantry or clothes closet, Stop Hunger Now event, bagging potatoes, etc. Describe:</td>
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<td>6b. Participate in the <strong>Campaign for Children</strong> (Children's Sabbath Sunday, public education, mentoring or tutoring programs, visit and support local schools, etc.) Describe what you did:</td>
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<td>6c. Provide at least <strong>ten (10)</strong> UMCOR Mission Kits and funds for shipping for the Virginia Annual Conference (Kits for Conference)</td>
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<td>6d. Make a donation of goods (stamps for inmates, etc.), money (to support a Prison Chaplain) or service (Bible study, bell choir) to Prison Ministries.</td>
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* Submit this form to your DISTRICT LIOP Representative *

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November 3, 2017 4 of 5
Please return this form by August 15, 2018, to:

Barbara Tuttle, 3623 Luckylee Crescent, N. Chesterfield, VA 23234-5709
btuttle48@verizon.net
804-271-2289

+ No Change in reporting of Reading Program Books. Secretary of Program Resources (SPR), mail reports to the District SPR. Membership reporting is done online, please ensure all members of your organization are counted at https://secure3.convio.net/umw/site/SPageNavigator/Census_2017.html before March 15th.
RAINFOVER FORM  
VIRGINIA CONFERENCE UNITED METHODIST WOMEN

The Virginia Conference United Methodist Women started the Rainbow Giver Program in 2010. This is an opportunity for you, as an individual, to personally give to the 5 Channels of Mission Giving, whether or not you are a member of United Methodist Women.

A **RAINFOVER GIVER** gives to all five channels of giving:
- $40 to give someone special a Special Mission Recognition Pin
- $5 Pledge to Mission
- $5 Gift to Mission
- $5 Special Recognition in Memory
- $5 World Thank Offering
- $60 Total

Your $60 **RAINFOVER GIVER** offering must specify that you are giving to the above five channels and designate who you want your pin to go to, which Gift in Mission card you want, where to send the cards, and that you are giving $60 as a Rainbow Giver. If you simply give $60 to your unit treasurer, you will not be a Rainbow Giver, **you** must designate that it is for Rainbow Giver.

1. Special Mission Recognition Pin ____________________________
   (Recipient)
   Send pin to: (Name) ____________________________
   (Address) ____________________________

2. Pledge to Mission

3. Gift to Mission Card – Which card to send?

4. Gift in Memory

5. World Thank Offering

   Given by (Rainbow Giver’s Name) ____________________________
   Rainbow Giver’s Address: ____________________________
   City, State, Zip: ____________________________

   Name of Local Unit: ____________________________
   District __Richmond____________________

All components must be submitted to your District Treasurer at one time no later than August 15 for recognition at Annual Meeting. We suggest that this Rainbow Giver donation be given in addition to your regular pledge to mission.

If you have any question about becoming a **RAINFOVER GIVER**, please call District Treasurer:
   **Rosa Lewis**
   804-222-8480 (Home)

Send form and check to: Rosa Lewis, 829 Old Denny St., Richmond, VA 23231 olddenny@verizon.net
Richmond District UMW Reading Report

September 2017 through August 2018
Due August 30, 2018

Unit Name ____________________________________________

Name of person completing report: __________________________

Telephone & email: _________________________________________

We did not participate __________

Total number of books read ____________ (with or without completing a plan)

Number completing Plan 1 ____________

Number completing Plan 2 ____________

Number completing Plan 3 ____________

Number completing Plan 4 ____________

Please list names of persons completing each plan on back of this form

Total number completing a plan ______

**Total** number of adult & your readers ______ (count even those who have read only one book)

**Total** number of children readers ______

**Total** number of children receiving certificates ____________

Please list their names on back of this form under Children Readers

**Total** number of children books read ______

**Total** number of subscriptions to RESPONSE magazine ______ (count total number of individual and UMW subscriptions)

**Total** number of subscriptions to NEW WORLD OUTLOOK ______ (count total number of individual and UMW subscriptions)

Please return by August 30 (earlier if possible) to:

Marilyn Bell 2501 St. Regis Dr., North Chesterfield, VA 23236
fwmijbell@verizon.net   (804) 276-3115
CANDLE BURNING INFORMATION FORM

Candle Burning
$ 0.60 for one second
$ 3.00 for five second
$ 36.00 for one minute
$ 180.00 for five minutes
$ 2160.00 for one hour

Chuch _______________________
Contact Info: _______________________
Phone NO.: _______________________

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United Methodist Women has a rich legacy as a mission movement since 1869, and we are building for the next 150 years of service in God’s mission on behalf of women, children and youth in communities down the street and around the world.

Make your Legacy Fund gift today!

Please retain for your records

Virginia Conference
United Methodist Women

My Legacy Fund gift:

Every member is encouraged to make a gift to The Legacy Fund of at least $18.69 per year, over and above her Pledge to Mission, for five years (2015-2019).

☐ $1,869  ☐ $500  ☐ $300  ☐ $200  ☐ $50  ☐ $18.69  ☐ Other __________

☐ monthly  ☐ annually  ☐ beginning __________20____ (month/year)

Turning Faith, Hope and Love into Action since 1869.

All donations tax-deductible.

Send your form & money to Rosa Lewis 829 Old Denny St., Richmond, VA 23231

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Yes! I want to celebrate United Methodist Women’s 150th anniversary and help ensure we continue to put faith, hope and love into action for another 150 years.

Virginia Conference United Methodist Women

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☐ enclosed  ☐ monthly  ☐ annually  ☐ beginning __________20____

☐ In honor / memory of _____________________________

☐ Please contact me about including United Methodist Women in my estate planning.

☐ Please contact me about the major gift program.

Name: ____________________________________________ Phone: ______________________
E-mail: __________________________________________
Address: _________________________________________
City, State, ZIP: __________________________________
Conference: Virginia Conference  District: __________

Give your Legacy Fund commitment form and your gift to your local United Methodist Women treasurer.

Send your form & money to Rosa Lewis 829 Old Denny St., Richmond, VA 23231
Dear UMW President/MNO,

Please list the names of your UMW members who have passed away during the year September 1, 2017 to August 31, 2018. To honor these women, their names will be read during the Memorial Service at our Richmond District Annual Meeting, September 22, 2018 and at the Conference Annual Meeting, October 27, 2018. These names will also be listed in our program at both meetings.

Name of Church: ________________________________________

Name and Address of Mission Coordinator for Membership Nurture & Outreach or President:
(Please Print)

________________________________________________________________________

________________________________________________________________________

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List Deceased UMW Members only: (PLEASE PRINT)

1. ______________________________________

2. ______________________________________

3. ______________________________________

4. ______________________________________

5. ______________________________________

If none, check here _________ and return.

In order for your members to be honored, please return this form by August 31, 2018.

The completed form may be returned by email or regular mail to the address below. Please only provide the names of UMW Members and not all church women.

Thank you for your help in this process.

Kathy Dictor
7538 S. Franklins Way
Quinton, VA 23141

Phone: (804) 932-3247
Email: kbdictor@gmail.com
Richmond District
Mini-Mission Encounter

Sacred Spaces: Encounters with God and Neighbor Through Mission

Saturday, September 8, 2018
8:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m.
Beulah United Methodist Church
6930 Hopkins Road
Richmond, VA 23234
(804) 275-2325

Jointly sponsored by the
Richmond District
United Methodist Women &
Board of Missions

Registration Form
Deadline September 1
For information, call Rosa at (804) 222-8480

$3.00 registration: Continental Breakfast & class materials
Handicapped accessible

Name_____________________
Address___________________
Phone #____________________
E-Mail_____________________
Church Name________________
Child Care? number & ages?  

Indicate Class: 1st and 2nd choice:
   ___ What About Our Money?
   ___ The Missionary Conferences of the UMC in the US
       (Red Bird, Oklahoma and Alaska)
   ___ Embracing Wholeness

Mail registration form and
$3.00 check payable to:
Richmond District United Methodist Women
Rosa Lewis
829 Old Denny St.
Richmond, VA 23231

Please send one check per group and separate registration form for each person.
What is it? A mini-version of the Virginia Conference Mission Encounter. Participants will gain an overview of the Mission Studies. The Mini-Mission Encounter provides an opportunity for men, women, and youth to learn about partnering in God’s global mission and to grow spiritually.

Who Should Attend? Any United Methodist with a passion for Missions.

Mission Studies:

Spiritual Growth: Embracing Wholeness
Focus: Embracing Wholeness explores the ways God has called us to live in covenantal relationships with all creation and challenges us to work toward stronger and healthier relationships with creation, our communities, ourselves and God.
Study Leader: Rev. Nancy Robinson

Geographic Study: The Missionary Conferences of the UMC in the US (Red Bird, Oklahoma, Alaska)
Focus: This study tells the story of the three missionary conferences and their history. You will learn how each conference was founded and how they add to the richness of the United Methodist connection in the United States.
Study Leader: TBA

Issue Study: What About Our Money?
Focus: What About Our Money? A Faith Response explores how we understand money within the context of our faith. We will explore our own relationship with money, the money choices available to us, and how we individually and collectively respond to economic inequalities in light of our faith.
Study leader: Rev. Dr. Stan Hargraves

Schedule
8:30 – 9:00 Registration, Continental Breakfast, Displays
9:00 – 9:30 Program
9:30 – 12:30 Study Groups
12:30 Depart for Home

Mission Emphasis:
Sherbourne Food Pantry (please bring non-perishable goods or monetary donation)

Richmond District
Mini-Mission Encounter

Sacred Spaces: Encounters with God and Neighbor Through Mission

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Blessings Lodge, Camp Overlook
3014 Camp Overlook Lane
Kezelton, VA 22832

Retreat Leader: Rev. Joanna Diez

Speaking Out Loud

September 14-15, 2018
Youth Women's Event
United Methodist Women
Virginia Conference

Rev. Joanna Diez

Married to Norm, the love of her life and mother to her two children. She enjoys hiking and playing board games with him and their two sons and daughters. She searches for God in the quiet moments, which can be hard to find. Sometimes she is surprised by God's presence in the unexpected. She loves to give back and serve others through her faith and work. She has a passion for serving those who are marginalized. A deacon at the United Methodist Church, she is currently serving as minister of missions and youth. She works with Ministry of the Cross and University and WTS on her Doctor of Ministry in Effective Leadership, Social Justice, and the Poor in Cambridge, England. She studied at Wesley Theological Seminary (WTS) in 2003 and is currently working on her Doctor of Ministry in Effective Leadership, Social Justice, and the Poor in Cambridge, England.
September 7, 2018
Registration deadline:
Joyce Winston
Phone: 757-565-6877
211 E Periwinkle Ave.
Hampton, VA 23664-1243
Email: Bucktownbeach8@gmail.com

Send registration form and check for total to:
Checks payable to Virginia Conference United Methodist Women.

Total Remitted:
$75

— Day Retreat registration, $75
— Friday evening lodging, dinner and Saturday breakfast & lunch
— Check choice of:

_____________________________________________________
Food allergies/Limitations:
3:00-4:00 Workshop Communion
1:15-2:45 Group Gathering
1:21-12:00 Lunch
9:15-12:00 Group Gathering
8:30-9:00 Breakfast
Saturday

9:00-9:30 Check in/registration
7:30-9:00 Dinner
6:45 Fellowship
5:00-6:30 Friday evening

September 14-15 Young Women’s Event Schedule

Scholarships may be available, contact your district UMW president.

Scholarships

All meals, lodge, lodging, activities, and transportation included.

Details

Hosted by the Virginia Conference United Methodist Women for Young Women Ages 12 (out of high school) to 40.

Directions

Amenity Park (Rt 722)
3.4 mi. north on Mountain Valley Rd (Rt 620) 1.8 mi. left on
Rt 111 (N. Valley Pike) 1.5 mi. left on Manlee Rd (Rt 806)
exit 7 on Maryland Rd (Rt 259) 3.70 mi.
From I-81 at Exit 277, left on Manlee Rd (Rt 806) 2.70 mi.

Name
Street
City, State Zip
Phone
Email
Church
District
and love in action
opened my eyes to injustice. this also opened my heart to faith, hope.
 opportunities i have been afforded through united methodist women
at my mother's inspiration that became involved in united methodist
child i was taught to work for what is right and just in the world. i was
mother has always been active in united methodist women. as a
woman of god, i grew up in the united methodist church. my

my organizational studies and building capacity for the organization
from 2009-2011, i worked for a women's resource ngo setting
at harvard university while working in retail management. i left
for boston college. i received a high graduation
graduated from truman state university in kansas city, mo.

when i am not working in my yard in the weather, keep me busy when i am
after living abroad with the peace corps, i curfew family and friends.
who was living in the city of the west, i moved to indiana,

to learn the game. i am excited about the opportunity
in all aspects of life. i am a combustion engineer

welcoming passions and resources, i am a professional fundraiser with

President
Board of Directors
United Methodist Women

Shannon Pridy
Keynote Speaker

2018 Annual Meeting
Virginia United Methodist Women
United Methodist Day at the General Assembly
Thursday, January 31, 2019
7:00 a.m. – 3:30 p.m.

Ever wanted to know how to create real change in our state government? Ever wanted to know more about real issues facing our legislature? United Methodist Day at the General Assembly is the place for you! This is our opportunity to help faith communities become empowered to serve as missionaries of justice, as well as the more traditional missionaries of mercy.

JOIN US for the BRIEFING
Wednesday, January 30
7:30 p.m.

Registration
Space is LIMITED.
Watch for registration opening announcement coming this Fall! Register online at www.vaumc.org from the calendar. Credit Card will be required at time of registration.

Questions may be directed to the Rev. Barbara Lewis at BarbaraLewis@vaumc.org or (434) 594-6241.
Presented by the Board of Church & Society and The United Methodist Women of the Virginia Conference.
"Women Of the Richmond District"

Richmond District Newsletter

Communication Coordinator  lloydetediggs@gmail.com
Lloydette Diggs
8996 Midway Rd.
Henrico, VA  23229

3rd Quarter 2018

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